GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware the large quantities of fruits and vegetables in the country going waste due to lack of proper storage facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to assist the State Governments in organised marketing of fruits and vegetables to help the farmers to get a fair price for their produce and also for storage facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The estimated loss/wastage of fruits and vegetables in the country ranges from 10-30% of production, due to lack of proper storage facilities.

(C)&(d): The Government is implementing two Centrally Sponsored scheme viz.

(i)Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in Northern Eastern States,Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE); and

(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM),under which assistance is provided to the States for taking up various activities including development of infrastructure facilities for marketing of horticultural produce which include fruits and vegetables.The assistance is also provided for setting up of post harvest facilities such as pact houses,cold storages, Controlled Atmosphere Storages etc.The assistance is in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy @ 25% of the capital cost for general areas and @ 33.33% of the capital cost for hilly and tribal areas.Under the marketing infrastructure assistance is provided for development of rural markets/apni mandies, wholesale markets and terminal markets.

(e): Does not arise.